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1. The Salenika Unions of Dyers and Drycleaners, which is a wholly Nationalist, pro-GSEE (General Confederation of Greek Workers) union, demanded about a month ago that the workers receive, instead of a general wage raise, a lump sum corresponding to 13 work days. This request was granted by the employers. The only delay in the signing of the contract occurred on the matter of the payment.
2. On 7 October 1952 the employers reversed their stand and refused the payment, whereupon the union decided that evening by vote to strike as of 9 October 1952. At the same time they decided to ask for additional benefits, such as a general wage raise and work clothing. These additional requests were made to place the union in a better bargaining position, so that a compromise would yield to them the original request.
3. The employers met this strike by hiring non-union labor. The union then requested the Chief of Police to prevent the employer from doing so, on the ground that the hired non-union members were not in possession of the health-booklets which are legally required of workers of that trade, but the latter decided not to take any action.
4. On 10 October 1952 the rank and file of the union held a meeting during which it was decided to have the matter investigated by the Labor Directorate. This decision resulted also in a review conducted by the police. It is believed that the employers' attitude is changing and that they are now ready to settle for the original demand made by the union.

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